

LIGHT STATION IN PATAPSCO RIVER, MARYLAND.

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FROM

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY,

TRANSMITTING

A COPY OF A COMMUNICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE AND LABOR SUBMITTING AN ESTIMATE OF APPROPRIATION FOR COMPLETION OF LIGHT STATION IN PATAPSCO RIVER, MARYLAND.

JANUARY 4, 1904.—Referred to the Committee on Appropriations and ordered to be printed.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, December 30, 1903.

SIR: I have the honor to transmit herewith, for the consideration of Congress, a communication from the Secretary of Commerce and Labor, of the 19th instant, submitting an estimate of appropriation for completion of the light station in the Patapsco River, Maryland, under the acts of June 10, 1902, and July 1, 1902, \$60,000.

Respectfully,

L. M. SHAW, *Secretary.*

The SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND LABOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington, December 19, 1903.

SIR: This Department, at the instance of the Light-House Board, has the honor to recommend that an appropriation of \$60,000 be made, in addition to the amount appropriated by the act approved on August 18, 1894, which appropriated the same sum, to satisfy the contract authorized by the act approved July 1, 1902 (general deficiency law), which authorizes—

the Secretary of the Treasury * * * to enter into a contract for the construction of said light station with the sums authorized by the acts approved August 18, 1894, and June 10, 1902, relating to said light station.

The following is an extract from page 126 of the Light-House Board's Annual Report for 1902:

672. *Baltimore, Patapsco River, Maryland.*—By act approved June 10, 1902, Congress authorized the completion of this station, provided the additional cost of its construction should not exceed \$60,000. By act approved July 1, 1902 (general deficiency act), contract is authorized for the construction of this light station. The necessary plans and specifications will be prepared as soon as practicable. The Board recommends an appropriation of \$60,000 to satisfy this contract.

The following is an extract from page 45 of the Light-House Board's Annual Report for 1903:

692. *Baltimore, Chesapeake Bay, Maryland.*—Plans and specifications for this structure were printed and in the hands of bidders early in May, and on June 4, 1903, the proposals were opened. But one bid was offered for the erection of the light-house, and, as it was excessive in amount, it was rejected and new bids were asked. The lowest bid for the metal work was accepted. It provides that the metal work is to be delivered at the Lazaretto Point, Maryland, light-house depot in ten months from the approval of the contract. The lowest bid for the erection of the light-house was accepted. It provides in effect that the light-house shall be erected within one year from the date when all this metal work shall have been delivered. The Board now hopes that the light-house will be ready for use by May, 1906.

This Department, therefore, in view of the statements of the Light-House Board, as set forth in the extracts from its annual reports appended hereto, concurs with the recommendation of the Light-House Board that an additional appropriation of \$60,000 should be made with which to satisfy the contract and complete the light-house in question.

Respectfully,

GEO. B. CORTELYOU, *Secretary.*

The SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.